



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

CR-101 (June 2004)
(Implements RCW 34.05.310)
Do **NOT** use for expedited rule making

Agency: Department of Health

Subject of possible rule making: Chapter 246-826 WAC Health Care Assistants. Amending the rules to align with new rules for medical assistants.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: ESSB6237 (chapter 153, Laws of 2012) and RCW 18.135.030

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: The legislature passed ESSB6237 in 2012 creating the new medical assistant profession and phasing out the current health care assistant profession. The Department of Health began rule making in July 2012 to create rules to implement the new profession. The bill also directs the department to transition all currently credentialed health care assistants to the new medical assistant categories of certified, phlebotomist or hemodialysis technician. The existing health care assistant rules may need technical changes to ensure the transition is efficient and credential holders, supervisors and facilities understand when the new credentials will be issued.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies:
None

Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):

- ☐ Negotiated rule making
- ☐ Pilot rule making
- ☐ Agency study
- ☒ Other (describe) Collaborative

How interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication:

(List names, addresses, telephone, fax numbers, and e-mail of persons to contact; describe meetings, other exchanges of information, etc.)

Interested persons can participate in the rule process through meetings and by submitting written comments to medicalassistants@doh.wa.gov or to PO Box 47852, Olympia, WA 98504-7852. Interested parties are encouraged to join our ListServes which can be accessed at http://listserv.wa.gov/cgi-bin/wa?A0=MEDICAL_ASSISTANT or at <http://listserv.wa.gov/cgi-bin/wa?A0=HEALTH-CARE-ASSISTANTS> to get updates on the rules.

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